



Radio Amateurs of Canada
Midwest Report
Ensuring radio amateurs in the Midwest are informed!

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Directors Ramblings

Arrrgh. It seems I am still having trouble with my email merging of my Midwest Directors newsletter. Last night I tried to send out an email merge as an attachment. While it sure looked like something was happening, when I checked my sent items box, there was nothing in there. So I attempted to send out the email merge as an Adobe PDF. This worked as it was suppose to. I could see the emails going out of my system, and when I checked them they were correct. There is an attachment called - pdfmailer.pdf at 66k in size. Yet a number of you out there have said that all you got is a winmail.dat file attached that will not open up. So the last hope is to send out the email as an html file. But in the process I lose all the nice formatting of the newsletter. Hopefully one day I can get this fixed.

RAC Annual General Meeting

The RAC Annual General Meeting will be held in conjunction with the <http://www.halifax-arc.org/mdf>, on August 7th, 2010 in Halifax, NS. The cost for the RAC forum and AGM is free,

costs for the DX forum is \$80.00 and the banquet is \$30.00. If you are in the area please make an effort to attend. If you are thinking about a vacation, I strongly suggest the East coast, with a bonus of a RAC Annual General Meeting.

QSL Bureau

The RAC outgoing QSL bureau is undergoing a change. The cost to run the bureau has gotten out of hand and as a result cuts will be made to ensure that we can continue to afford to provide this service to the RAC members. The cost to run the bureau will need to be cut by about 50%, but this does not mean that service will reduce by 50%. But rather a more closer look at when cards are sent out to some foreign bureaus. The holding of cards until we are at the maximum allowed for a postage rate.

New Employee

The RAC office has hired a part time worker to take over for Guy Charron who has been working at the office for a number of years on a part time basis.

RAC Bulletin 2010-007E - Canadian Amateur Radio Access to 137 Khz. 2010-03-10

Industry Canada has approved access by Canadian Radio Amateurs to the Low Frequency (LF) band 135.7 ? 137.8 kHz, subject to certain conditions. The Revised Canadian Table of Frequency Allocations, promulgated in December 2009 to incorporate changes arising from decisions taken at World Radiocommunication Conference (WRC) 2007, permits amateur use on a Secondary basis subject to Footnote 5.67A.

The Footnote states: "Stations in the amateur service using frequencies in the band 135.7-137.8 kHz shall not exceed a maximum radiated power of 1 W (EIRP) and shall not cause harmful interference to stations of the radionavigation service operating in countries listed in No. 5.67. (WRC-07)". Industry Canada has advised that Canadian radio amateurs may now use the band and that Schedule I of RBR-4 Standards for the Operation of Stations in the Amateur Radio Service will be amended in due course. - Richard Ferch VE3IAY/VE3KI, Vice President Regulatory Affairs Radio Amateurs of Canada

Are you a member of a local club

If you are a member of a local club in your area that has regular meetings, I would appreciate it if you could make an announcement for me at your next meeting. All RAC members, thank you for continuing to support Radio Amateurs of Canada. I in turn would like to support each of you, by keeping you informed on what is happening with RAC. To do this I need your email address. Please log on the www.rac.ca web site, register as a member (set your password) and update your contact information to include your current mailing address and email address. I, like you, are watching our pennies and I can not afford to snail mail newsletters to every member in VE4 & VE5. But I am more than willing to email the monthly newsletter. Thank you for your support of the only National voice for Amateur Radio.

Where R U

Is your address correct with industry Canada? Have you moved since you were last actually issued a license renewal (how many years ago was that?) Did you know that you are required to keep industry Canada informed of any address changes? Please use the following form to update your information with Industry Canada. [http://www.ic.gc.ca/eic/site/smt-gst.nsf/vwapj/ic2381bh.pdf/\\$FILE/ic2381bh.pdf](http://www.ic.gc.ca/eic/site/smt-gst.nsf/vwapj/ic2381bh.pdf/$FILE/ic2381bh.pdf)

Still Looking for Assistance

I can not understand why no one (other than those listed one page one) have not come forward to act as an assistant Director for your area of your province. I thank the two assistances Bill and Richard for stepping forward. But why not anyone else? I can not afford to travel to all areas of both provinces, so having an assistant to help out would be much appreciated. Hint hint

More help wanted

Paid Position at the RAC Ottawa Office - Position filled as of March 22, 2010

Membership and Service Enhancements

Looking for a Part-Time Volunteer Career in Helping Amateur Radio Operators? Want to work with dedicated, like minded radio people?

The dynamic national organization representing Canadian amateur radio operators is looking for a people person and service oriented leader to enhance member services. Duties include: assessing members wants and needs, analyzing the effectiveness of existing service delivery and measuring member satisfaction with services. Duties will also include developing strategies to attract and maintain members to the Radio Amateurs of Canada. This position will report to the President of the Radio Amateurs of Canada.

Remuneration: nowhere near what you are worth. You will be doing it for the love of radio. Like the rest of us.

Title: negotiable.

Start date: anytime.

Submit a resume and your availability to the President, Geoff Bawden, ve4baw: ve4baw@rac.ca.

Questions freely accepted.

The RAC Insurance Program

The RAC is looking for a dynamic, motivated, client oriented amateur with a background in insurance to help the RAC administer and expand its insurance program. The position includes

insurance administration, liaising with clubs and members and marketing of the RAC Insurance program. Questions and resumes should be directed to the First Vice President, Mr. Ian MacFarquhar, ve9im at ve9im@rac.ca.

The RAC Philanthropy and Grants Program

The RAC is looking for a dynamic, motivated volunteer to establish a Philanthropy and Grants Program at the RAC. Many amateurs look for ways to leave a legacy and other amateur radio associations [such as the ARRL] have mechanisms in place to both provide a memory for such amateurs and an opportunity for amateurs to help amateur radio. Potentially coupled with the Philanthropy Program is a new Grants Program to look for third party funding to enhance amateur radio. If you have any ideas or questions or are interested in submitting a resume for either or both of the Philanthropy or Grants Program please email Bill Unger, Ontario NorthEast Director at wunger@confederationc.on.ca or Geoff Bawden, President at ve4baw@rac.ca.